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who has already published volume one, covering the Jerusalem period of the Christian Church, chaps. 1–8 (the outside of the book wrongly bears the figures I–IX, though but a single disconnected verse from that last chapter is included). One of the important features of the book is the special pains at which the author has been to gather and incorporate all light and material afforded by ancient documents, some of which he discusses at length. His opening chapter on the Origin and Authenticity of the Acts is characteristic of his general spirit, conception and style, and is a very good piece of work. A great many themes which ought to be discussed in a treatment of the primitive church history were necessarily left untouched, by reason of the plan of the series and the small capacity of the volume—such omissions must have been a greater grief to Dr. Stokes than to any of his readers. But the vital ones have been taken up, and discussed in a strong, bright, thoughtful, scholarly way. One can be charitable toward the digressions which discuss the present Church of England, for the author forewarns that he writes as a "decided Churchman." The general homiletic material, a prominent element in all the volumes of this series, is well presented, choice and useful. Particularly good are the discussions of the community of goods, and the diaconate, with the practical lessons they teach for to-day. Considering the work as a whole, there will be few books, apart from the commentaries proper, which will be more inspiring and helpful to the Sunday School worker in this study of the Acts.

Concise Dictionary of Religious Knowledge and Gazetteer. Edited by Rev. S. M. Jackson, M. A. Associate editors, T. W. Chambers, D. D.. F. H. Foster, Ph. D. Second and Revised Edition. New York: Christian Literature Co., 1891. Pp. 986.

This is a valuable work, well conceived and well executed. It will prove of the highest service to all Sunday School workers, Bible students, and general readers, who cannot afford, or have not the courage, to purchase and use the unabridged Bible Dictionary and the regular encyclopedia. In this single volume is comprised all the information which such will desire on biblical, ecclesiastical, historical and archæological topics. The treatment is concise, and yet for the most part it is satisfactory, because what one wants one finds. For instance, two classes of information which one is always wishing and which it is almost impossible to obtain: the biographies of eminent biblical scholars of our own day, and a concise, complete and accurate presentation of the present ecclesiastical denominations. In both of these departments this Dictionary meets the want admirably. The preparation of the work has been in the hands of scholarly, conservative, able men. The articles are all signed. The contributors of the leading articles are men whose names insure the worth of the material, among them being: Prof. Francis Brown, Dr. H. M. Dexter, Dr. W. E. Griffis, Prof. A. V. G. Allen, Dr. Selah Merrill, Pres. C. D. Hartranft. The Gazetteer, which is a new feature of this edition, is a religious atlas, covering the whole time of the Jewish and Christian Church; the maps are new, expressly prepared for this work, true to the latest topographical knowledge, and equipped with tables for the most convenient use. The typography is all that could be desired, and the patent marginal index makes reference easy. The publishers express the belief that they have issued the best single volume work of reference extant in the field of religious knowledge. We feel no disposition to question the truth of their claim.